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## Grants Awarded to Preservation Projects Across Washington

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Announces

2022 Valerie Sivinski Fund Grant Awards

Seattle - Each year the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation provides grants through the Valerie Sivinski Fund to organizations and community groups engaged in historic preservation across the state. Founded in 1976, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a private nonprofit organization with a mission to save the places that matter in Washington and to promote sustainable and economically viable communities through historic preservation. The Valerie Sivinski Fund grant program embodies the mission of the Washington Trust by supporting preservation projects where they really happen: at the local level.

Named in memory of Valerie Sivinski, a beloved former board member of the Washington Trust who served as president in the early 1990s, the Fund was established in 1997 with the first grants awarded in 1998. Since its establishment, the Fund has awarded over \$200,000 in cash grants and building assessment services to 175 projects across the state to local organizations and historic preservation advocates.

Recipients of the 2022 Valerie Sivinski Fund grant awards were publicly announced December 7 at the Washington Trust's annual Sivinski Holiday Benefit, held at the Stimson-Green Mansion, their landmark headquarters. All proceeds from the benefit go to support the grant program. The 2022 grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- **\$3,000 to the Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs** for the historic site assessment of the 130-year-old Asberry House, home of African American suffragist, civil rights activist, and musician-scholar Nettie J. Asberry. The Washington Trust supported the Colored Women's Club

acquisition of the home through the Washington State Legislature Capital Budget this past summer – and supported its nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places at a public hearing on December 8, 2021.

- **\$3,000 to Northwest Seaport** toward the bumping and re-pitching of deck seams on the Halibut Schooner Tordenskjold, which is the oldest remaining halibut fishing vessel of the fewer than 200 built by Scandinavian immigrants between 1910 and 1930. The Tordenskjold is docked at the Historic Ships Wharf in Seattle.
- **\$3,750 to the Central Washington Agricultural Museum** for relocation, restoration, and interpretation of one of the last remaining Fred J. Young Lumber Company migrant-housing cabins in Union Gap—to help tell the full story of predominant Hispanic and Latinx migrant lives and labor force of agricultural Yakima Valley through World War II and beyond.
- **\$3,000 to Kenmore Heritage Society** for the installation of a mural depicting the history, environment, and culture of the Lushootseed-speaking peoples at the convergence of the Sammamish River and Swamp Creek in the recently re-honored Tl'awh-ah-dees Park. Tl'awh-ah-dees translates to “a place where something is grown or sprouts” in the Lushootseed language.
- **\$2,000 to Kilworth Environmental Education Preserve** for developing a preservation plan for the 1935 Rotary Lodge in the Camp Kilworth property, which was built by World War II veterans and formerly owned by the Tacoma Area Council of Boy Scouts, in Federal Way.
- **\$3,250 to Steilacoom Historical Museum Association** for the first phase of exterior repairs and restoration of the 125-year-old Bair Drug & Hardware store, the last remaining late 19th century commercial structure within the Steilacoom Historic District on National Register of Historic Places – to continue its use as a restaurant and public gathering space but to also expand its living history museum.
- **\$2,000 to Lopez Island Grange 1060** for repair of the fieldstone foundation on the 118-year-old former Center School Building, located on Lopez Island, for continued use as a public gathering space.

To see or download images of the award-winning projects, please visit the Washington Trust's website: <http://preservewa.org/sivinski>

*About the Washington Trust:*

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a statewide, tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1976 to safeguard Washington's historic places through advocacy, education, collaboration, and stewardship. For additional information regarding the 2022 grant recipients or for information on contributing to the Valerie Sivinski Fund visit [www.preservewa.org](http://www.preservewa.org) or call 206-624-9449.

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